

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1546 – SB 1608

February 12, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Expands the grounds for termination of parental or guardianship rights to include a parent being convicted of or found civilly liable for attempting to cause the intentional and wrongful death of the child's other parent or guardian. Permits the non-offending parent to file a petition to terminate the parental rights of parent attempting the intentional and wrongful death.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012958): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Expands the grounds for termination of parental or guardianship rights to include a parent or legal guardian being convicted of attempted first or second degree murder of the child's other parent or legal guardian. Permits the non-offending parent or legal guardian to file a petition to terminate the parental rights of the convicted parent or legal guardian.

Changes the grounds for initiation of termination of parental or guardianship rights to include a parent convicted of first or second degree murder of the child's other parent or legal guardian, rather than a parent convicted of the intentional and wrongful death of the child's other parent or guardian.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- There will be no fiscal impact on the operations of the Department of Children's Services.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, any increase in the number of petitions filed would be absorbed within existing judicial resources.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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